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BOOK REVIEWS.

THE CLASSICS OF INTERNATIONAL LAW. Edited by James Brown Scott.

- I. JURIS ET JUDICII FEICIALIS SIVE JURIS INTER GENTES EXPLICATIO. By R. Zouche, edited by T. E. Holland. (Vol. I, Latin Text, pp. 204; vol. II, English translation by J. E. Brierly, pp. 186, Washington, Carnegie Institution of Washington, 1911.)
- II. DE JURE ET OFFICIIS BELLICIS ET DISCIPLINA MILITARI LIBRI III. By Balthazar Ayala, edited by J. Westlake. (Vol. I, Latin text, pp. 227; vol. II, English translation by John Pawley Bate, pp. 250, Washington, 1912.)

The appearance of these two works in the Classics of International Law, the publication of which has been undertaken by the Carnegie Institution of Washington under the general editorship of Dr. James Brown Scott, is an event of great importance in the history of the literature of International Law. Several years ago Dr. Scott called the attention of the authorities of the Carnegie Institution to the need of reprints of the texts of the great classics of International Law, each to be accompanied by a readable English translation. The Carnegie Institution undertook the work as outlined by Dr. Scott, and the first fruits of his plan are these four volumes. The texts of Ayala and Zouche have not been easily accessible and few even of those engaged in teaching International Law have been able to acquire more than a second hand knowledge of their writings.

The work of Ayala appeared in 1582 and copies of it are extremely rare. Ayala's work has never before been rendered into English. The Latin text of this edition is a reproduction by photographic fac-simile of a copy of the original edition of 1582 belonging to All Soul's College, Oxford. The general editor and the Carnegie Institution are to be congratulated upon securing Professor Westlake as editor of Ayala's text. The introduction by him, all too short, contains a serviceable analysis of Ayala's work. The English translation by Dr. Bate is painstaking and readable. The work of Zouche, like that of Ayala, has never before been translated into English. The text here reproduced is a photograph from the original edition of 1650. Professor Holland contributes an introduction that strikes one as being hardly adequate. The translation by Mr. Brierly seems to be excellent.

At the outset, therefore, the series assumes an extraordinarily high standard of scholarly production which doubtless will be maintained in the succeeding volumes. It may seem not altogether gracious to criticize the form in which these volumes appear. The photographic reproductions of the texts of the first editions give a certain bibliophilic satisfaction; but, after all, for convenience in actual use a text carefully collated from several editions, set up in modern type with an English translation upon the opposite page, would in the reviewer's opinion be more satisfactory. But as the present plan was

the one which seemed best to the editor and to the sponsors of the work we should be satisfied with what we have. The press work, the paper, the frontispieces, are all that could be desired. The binding alone is unattractive and inartistic.

J. S. R.

STATUTE LAW MAKING IN THE UNITED STATES. By Chester Lloyd Jones. (pp. xii, 327; Boston, The Boston Book Company, 1912.)

For some time there has been a distinct need for a book of convenient size upon the technique of legislation. The need Professor Jones has supplied in the present work with a large degree of success. The book is divided into three parts: the first, "Limitations on Legislative Action;" the second, "The Drafting of Bills;" the third, "Legislative Expedients." The second portion is the most valuable, for in it the author gives in compact form the more elementary principles of bill drafting, with excellent illustrative material. No attempt has been made to develop the historical side of legislation and the work is rather in the nature of a practical handbook, which might be used to good advantage by members of state legislatures; and it will be welcomed by all who desire improvement in the form of statutes.

J. S. R.

ARGUMENT OF THE HONORABLE ELIHU ROOT ON BEHALF OF THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE NORTH ATLANTIC COAST FISHERIES ARBITRATION TRIBUNAL AT THE HAGUE, 1910. Edited with introduction and appendix by James Brown Scott, of counsel for the United States. Boston: The World Peace Foundation, 1912. (pp. cli; 523.)

The argument of Senator Root before the Hague Tribunal on behalf of the United States in the matter of the Fisheries arbitration of 1910 was of itself well worthy of preserving in a separate form. The present volume, which contains an elaborate introduction by Dr. James Brown Scott and an appendix comprising the various documents from 1713 to 1910 bearing upon the fisheries dispute, makes an important and valuable contribution not only to the literature of International Arbitration but to that of American History. Dr. Scott's introduction is an excellent summary of the historic dispute settled by arbitration with such conspicuous success. Altogether the volume may be regarded as the best single work upon a subject which is now, fortunately, wholly a matter of history.

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